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Port-Royal in *Jamaica*, *April* 18.

COmmadore *Wheetſtone* returned hither the 8th Inſtant, having been out ever ſince the 14th of *February*; He had cruized about 5 weeks on both ſides of *Hiſpaniola*, in hopes of meeting with a conſiderable Fleet of Merchant Ships, which, as he had been informed, was expected in theſe Parts under a Convoy from *France*; but not being able to get any Account of them, he ſailed to *Petit-Guavas* and *Leogane*, in the Gulph of *Hiſpaniola*; and for the better preventing any Ships eſcaping of that Bay, he divided his Squadron, and ſent Captain *Vincent* with one half to the South ſide, and himſelf ſteered with the reſt to the Northward; and as he had conjectured three *French* Privateers, all mann'd and fitted, upon the appearance of Captain *Vincent* and the Ships with him, immediately ſtood to the Northward, and ſo came in the Commadore's view, whereof one of 12 and another of 14 Guns were chaſed aſhore and burnt, and the third of 10 Guns was taken. In the mean time Captain *Vincent* with his Boats rowed in the night undiſcovered into the Cul, where there lay 4 Ships, whereof the biggeſt was formerly taken from us, and was called the *Selwin*; She had her full Cargo, and was richly laden, but all her Sails were on Shore: Our Boats burnt one, ſunk another, and towed out a third, which was a Conſort of the other Privateers; the fourth was boarded by one of our Boats, but by accident blew up, ſo that they were forced to leave her behind: This alarmed the Enemy in thoſe Parts, and it put them under great Conſternation to ſee the Ships burning thus on both ſides of their Bay. The Squadron looked into *Port a Pee*, a Harbour on the North ſide, to ſee if there were any Ships there, but found none. Theſe 4 Privateers which have been taken and burnt were all they had, and were deſigned to ſail with 500 Men to the North ſide of *Jamaica*, to make a Deſcent, and to plunder and deſtroy the Country. The *French* compute the Loſs they have ſuſtained by the taking and deſtroying the ſaid Ships and their Cargo to be about 18000 *l.* Sterling, and we have taken 120 Priſoners.

Ratisbonne, *June* 25. The Elector of *Bavaria* being advanced towards *Kuefſtayn*, a Poſt on the Borders of the Country of *Tirol*, made himſelf Maſter of that Town on the 19th Inſtant by a very unlucky Accident. The Gariſon on his Approach ſet fire to two Houſes near one of their Baſtions, which might have given ſhelter to the Enemy; the Wind was then favourable for them, but it turned on a ſudden, and drove the Flames with ſuch violence againſt the Caſtle, that they ſet Fire to two Powder Towers, which blew up and carried with them the beſt part of the Baſtion; whereupon the Elector ordered the Aſſault to be immediately made, and in this Confuſion his Men forced into the Place. General *Walkenſtein*, the Commander, found means to eſcape to *Rotenburgh*, another Town on the *Ihm*, with 400 of his Men, but the reſt were taken Priſoners. The Elector is marched wide of *Rotenburgh* towards *Inſpruck*, an open Place, and of no Defence. General *Geſchwind*, who commands the Imperial Forces in the Country of *Tirol*, is getting together what Troops he can to oppoſe him; and the Counts *de Schlick* and *de Solari*, who, according to our laſt Accounts, were at *Ritdhau*, on the Frontiers of the *Upper Auſtria*, will, it's hoped, be able to reinforce him time enough to prevent any further Miſchief. It is ſaid the Elector expects to be joined by a Detachment of *French* Forces from *Italy*; but we have no account of what is doing in that Country, our Letters from thence having been intercepted by the *Bavarians*. The *Bavarian* Forces commanded by the Count *de Mmaſterole* are ſeparated, and having provided the Towns of *Rothemberg* and *Amberg* with good Gariſons, the reſt of them retired the laſt week with great Precipitation to *Kelheim*, from whence they are to march towards *Tirol*. Thus they have left the whole Country of the *Upper Palatinate* at the Diſcretion of the Imperial Forces under the Margrave of *Bareith*, who is now at *Newmark*; and laſt night one of his Parties of 500 Men came into this Neighbourhood, and alarmed the *Bavarian* Forces which are in poſſeſſion of our Gate and Bridge on the *Danube*, tho they did not come near the Town. The Marſhal *de Villars* was ſtill on the 21ſt Inſtant with his head Quarters at *Gondelfingen*, but his Army had made a ſmall Motion, having ſtretched out their Right as far as *Hochſtet*, where they are repairing their Bridge on the *Danube*, which River it is probable they may paſs when the Imperial Army approaches nearer to them: In the mean time they have put the Towns of *Oettingen*, *Papenheim*, *Roſenhaim*, and all the Country thereabouts, under Contribution. We have no further Advices from the Imperial Army under Prince *Lewis* of *Baden*, ſince his putting himſelf at the head of it on the 16th, when he reviewed the Troops, and found them about 30000 ſtrong, and in a very good Condition.

Cologne, *June* 29. Letters from the Upper Rhine of the 25th Inſtant ſay, the French Army under the Duke of Burgundy was ſtill encamped between Lauterbourg and Croonweiſſembourg; but not being in a Condition to attempt any thing, it was believed they would ſoon retire towards Strasbourg.

From the Camp at Moll *and* Balen, *July* 2. The 29th paſt the Army commanded by his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough* continued their March from *Borchloen*, made only a little halt that night near *Haſſelt*, and having the next day paſſed over the Rivers *Herch* and *Demer*, on ſeveral Bridges made for that purpoſe, encamped between *Courſell* on the Right, and *Beringen* on the Left, where the Artillery and Bagage, which had been ſent away from *Borchloen* by *Tongeren*, and paſſed within a League of *Maſtricht*, for the better conveniency of their March, joined us again that night. A *French* Party of 28 Men, ſome of them Horſe, and the reſt Foot, fell in with our advanced Guards on the firſt days March, whereof a Lieutenant and two of his Men were killed, and the Commanding Officer, with the reſt of the Party, were taken Priſoners. As the Duke of *Marlborough* marched by the Town of *Haſſelt*, the chief Magiſtrates came out of the Gates to wait on his Grace, and preſented him with Refreſhments of Wine and Sweetmeats. Yeſterday the Army reſted at *Courſell*, and this day marched again about 4 Leagues, and we are now encamped with our Right at *Moll*, and our Left at *Balen*, from whence we are to march to morrow to *Herrenthals*. The Marſhal *de Boufflers* was detached the 29th paſt from the *French* Camp, which was then near *Dieſt*, with all the Dragoons, and ſeveral Squadrons of their Cavalry, each Horſeman having a Foot-Soldier behind him, making by Computation about 15000 Men. They marched the next day through *Lier*, and went directly to *Antwerp*. The Marſhal *de Villeroy*, with the reſt of their Army, is marching the ſame way, and encamped yeſterday at *Weſterloe*. The Rt. Hon. the Lord *Cutts*, Lieutenant-General, joined the Army while we were yet at *Borchloen*, as did alſo about 80 Recruits for the Lord *Tiviot*'s Regiment of Dragoons, and ſome for the Foot. We juſt now receive an Account from *Breda*, That Monſieur *d'Obdam* was eſcaped thither, the Body under his Command, which is reckoned to be between 7 and 8000 ſtrong, having been entirely defeated by the *French* near *Antwerp*; but we hope the Advantage which the Enemy has got over them is not ſo great as theſe Advices make it.

Hague, *July* 3. *N. S.* The firſt Inſtant in the evening a Courier arrived here, ſent by Monſieur d'Obdam from Breda with an Account, That the French near Antwerp having received a conſiderable Reinforcement from their main Army, came out of their Lines the 30th paſt, and ſurrounded the Body of our Forces under his Command, and had entirely routed them; That he had eſcaped to *Breda* with only 30 Horſe, and could give no further Account of thoſe Troops. This put all Men here under great Conſternation, and the States General met immediately, and ſate in Conſultation till one in the morning, and then diſpatched Monſieur Geldermalſen and two other Deputies towards the Frontiers, with Money and Inſtructions, to prevent as much as could be the evil Conſequences of this ſuppoſed Diſaſter; but in their way thither they met with a Courier diſpatched by Monſieur Hop, Treaſurer General to the States and their Deputy in that Army, with a Letter to the States, which they opened, and finding in it a quite contrary Account, they returned hither. The Letter is as follows.

High and Mighty Lords,

UPon my Arrival 2 days ago at the Camp at Eekeren, *an Expreſs arrived there with Letters from the Duke of* Marlborough *and Monſieur* d'Auverquerque, *giving an Account of their March, and that the Enemy decamped at the ſame time, and advanced towards the* Demer, *from whence*